

UNfavorable for SB0765

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Dear Committee,

I urge an UNfavorable on HB765.

The statute related to this bill states that there is rebuttable presumption that the group is "socially and economically disadvantaged".

Think of multimillionaires such as Ellen, Jack Dorsey of Twitter, lesbian lawyers, and Annapolis' own state legislators.

These well-off people are NOT "socially and economically disadvantaged", especially in the blue state of Maryland.

In House HGO, proponents mentioned that this subculture has \$1.7 trillion - with a T - in businesses and 1.4 million well-accepted and well-established small businesses. Hardly "socially and economically disadvantaged".

If say, Mormons, were saying they couldn't band together and support themselves, no one would accept that. Even though each Mormon isn't a millionaire. I worked with highly paid professionals who were lgbt, some who turned asexual. Ostensibly they would qualify, even though they worked for one of the largest financial firms in the country. For those 2 who turned asexual - that is - turned away from a given lifestyle others had identified them with, would they qualify? They are White. Would they still qualify? If they did, how would you even prove that? Ask old partners?

And this is the intrinsic perversion of promoting incentives based on who someone someone has sex with. If Donald Trump's mentions of his (then teenage) daughter had trended, would that mean some deviant-trend would garner Annapolis' financial incentivization through a bill such as this one?

Slippery slopes, folks. Slippery slopes.

Finally, these lifestyles are not accepted by all Marylanders. And many would object to tax dollars or other incentives going based on what they don't agree with.

Some people are unmoved by Facebook likes.

Moreover, to the other characteristics of those deemed "disadvantaged", some or most of the sub-cultures/ethnicities are warranted, objectively provable, shown to be unable to be self-sufficient, don't work in highly paid professional roles, etc. Others, in fact others who aren't on this list, are "socially and economically disadvantaged" in Maryland.